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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006. A request for a two-month extension of time is being filed along with this response. Therefore, the period for response is extended from June, 3, 2006 until August 3, 2006, and this response is timely. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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